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CONGRESS adjourned on Friday till January 7th.

Gov. Hampton's condition has greatly improved within the past two days.

A LARGE majority of the members of congress have gone home for the holidays.

GALVESTON'S city council proposes saving \$3950 by cutting down the salaries of city officials.

ALPHEUS S. WILLIAMS, congressman from Michigan, died at Washington, on the 20th inst., after a week's illness.

A PARTY of 14 mounted Indians raided a rancho near North Platte, Nebraska, and drove away eight horses.

A NUMBER of cotton mills in England have resumed work; but in many districts the operatives maintain their strike.

ON Saturday last there was a heavy snow storm extending from Toronto to New York and as far south as Washington.

A TEAM of elks was exhibited at the St. Paul, Minn., fair. They are gentle, well broke to harness and travel sixteen miles an hour.

THE New Orleans *Picayune* has discovered that Edison has not lived in vain—base ball can be played by his electric light.

A JOINT committee of democrats of both houses have taken steps looking to party organization for the campaign of 1890.

A HORSE died at Rochester, N. Y., on the 12th of September last, that had attained the remarkable age of 45 years and 6 months.

A NUMBER of fraudulent naturalization papers were issued in New York and amendments to the naturalization laws are suggested.

PROSPECTS of the Houston East and West Texas railway are said to be encouraging. The company is preparing to place its bonds.

If some man could invent or devise means by which people could live without work, a great multitude would rise up and call him blessed.

THE steamer *Byzantine*, from Marseilles for Constantinople, sunk near Galata, from a collision. One hundred and fifty lives were lost.

THE Zanesville, Ohio, grave robbers have been sentenced, one to one year's imprisonment and \$1000 fine, the other to four months in jail and \$100 fine.

THE dwelling of Patrick Rourke at Cohoes, N. Y., was burned on the 18th inst. Mr. Rourke, his four sons and a daughter perished in the flames.

THE mails from Brenham to Bellville are not in prime running order. On the 11th inst. the *Bellville Beacon* received the *Banner* for Nov. 23, 28 and 30th.

THE secretary of the treasury has issued a circular to all customs officers instructing them to receive United States notes as well as gold coin and standard silver dollars in payment of duties upon imports, on and after January 1st, next.

THE cabinet lately indulged in genial love-feast over the peaceable condition and prosperous outlook of affairs all over the country. At no time within his memory, said one member, was there more harmony and good feeling in every section than at the present time.

BLAINE'S committee is a total failure. Senator Wallace proposes to have the Pennsylvania radical frauds investigated. This will be heaping coals of fire on the turtle's back.

THE superintendent of the insane asylum at Austin, reports to the Dallas county officials that there is no possibility of getting any indigent county patients into that institution.

THE evidence in the Rothschild case at Marshal was concluded on Friday evening. Saturday was devoted to argument and it is likely the case went to the jury in the evening.

PROFS. Houston and Thompson exhibited at the Franklin institute, Philadelphia, an invention of electric light, which they claim solves the problem of cheap light by electricity.

THE country press is getting the range of Blaine.—*Galveston News*.

The country press will be woefully behind time. There's no use shooting a dead duck.

THE *Galveston News* of Sunday is a mammoth sheet containing 11 columns to the page. The business men of Galveston understand advertising holiday goods, hence the expansion of the Sunday *News*.

THE court of claims at Columbia, S. C. has decided that a million and a half of state bonds issued in 1873 unconstitutional and void. The bondholders will appeal to the supreme court.

THE great bridge and tunnel at St. Louis, built at a cost of upwards of \$12,000,000 has been sold out under a trust deed or mortgage. A new company representing a capital of nearly \$8,000,000 has been organized.

THE senate has passed the house bill appropriating \$450,000 to supply the deficiency for transportation of mail by rail during the present fiscal year, providing there be no increase in the postal card service beyond what existed Dec. 1, 1878.

THE *LaGrange Record* declines expressing any opinion in the Killough case. It says: "We think nothing—we leave it with the courts." The opinion here is that a cold blooded and most atrocious murder has been committed and that the perpetrators should be hung.

THE president has sent a special message to the senate in regard to the South American trade, the exports to which country are now greater than the imports. He states that measures in furtherance of these interests will meet with his cordial approval.

JOHN WESLEY HARDIN has already distinguished himself in the penitentiary. A Huntsville special to the *Telegram* says several convicts employed in the wagon shop attempted to dig into the arsenal where a large number of Winchester rifles and 10,000 rounds of ammunition are stored. John Wesley Hardin was the leader, and but for the timely discovery of the plot would have been successful, about three hours more work would have let them into the arsenal. Hardin now takes his rations in the dark cell.

AN ancient letter has been unearthed among the papers in the library of the Massachusetts Historical society. It is dated September 1682 and was written by Cotton Mather to John Higginson. It announces that the ship *Welcome* is at sea with a hundred or more heretics called Quakers, with a scamp named W. Penn at the head of them, Mather thought they could be captured and said: "Much spoil can be made by selling ye whole lot to Barbadoes, where slaves fetch good prices in rumme and sugar." Luckily for W. Penn and his heretics he did not fall into the hands of the puritans but founded the colony of Pennsylvania.

THE killing of Vaughan by the Horrells has so far resulted in the death of five other men, viz: Crabtree, Stull, Smith, and the two Horrells, who were recently murdered in the Meridian jail. The killing of the two Rabbs is also reported, making eight in all, and the end is not yet. Is there to be no cessation of this saturnalia of blood?

THE senate republican caucus was discordant about filling the Blaine investigation committee, Blaine declined as did all the others. All prominent republicans refused to have anything to do with the chairmanship. As a last resort and to avoid an utter failure, a committee of senators was selected without regard to their wishes. It is supposed the committee will not leave Washington, but will send for witnesses.

BAVARD TAYLOR, United States Minister to Berlin, died suddenly at that city on the 19th inst. Mr. Taylor was born in Pennsylvania in 1825. He was a printer by trade and is principally known by his journalistic and literary works. His chief reputation was as a writer of travels, he having visited and written up all parts of the world except South America. For many years he was engaged as travelling correspondent of the *New York Herald*.

JAMES G. TRACY, of Houston, is in luck. He has been appointed United States revenue collector for the first district of Texas, vice Wm. H. Sinclair, who has held the position for several years and given general satisfaction. Tracy, it is almost unnecessary to state, is a radical of the most approved style and during the Davis dynasty was one of the chief fuglemen. Personally he is a very clever man and has many warm friends in both the political parties.

NEGROES are remarkable cheap in and about Augusta, Georgia. In the late municipal election the question of a location for a market was voted upon and as there was money in the location votes were valuable. The local paper says negro votes were bought up at prices ranging from a drink of whiskey to fifty cents, and in extraordinary cases as much as a dollar was paid. This was the outside price and it is fair to presume that an ordinary negro vote in Augusta can be bought for a drink of Cincinnati whiskey.

THE St. Louis *Republican* is sorry for Blaine. It says it is sorry for a man who allows his ambition to run away with his judgment and makes a stupendous failure where he expected a glorious success. Blaine is no longer young. His consuming desire has been for the presidential nomination. In 1876 he had it almost in his grasp and he now looks forward to 1880 as his last and only chance. He imagined that if he could keep the "bloody shirt" floating in the breeze there would be no obstacle in the way of his success. His last effort has proved a signal failure and hereafter Blaine is consigned to oblivion.

In his report, the secretary of the treasury enumerates the advantages of the national bank notes; the opponents of national banks are willing to concede all the advantages claimed for their notes as a circulating medium, but at the same time claim that treasury notes would possess all advantages claimed for the national bank notes and in addition would give us one kind of paper money instead of two; would obviate the necessity for the government supervision of banks now required, and they would save the price which the government now pays the banks for furnishing the country with a paper currency. In addition to this abolition of the national banks would do away with a political power that is now used by the republicans in controlling elections.

THE carnival of crime in Texas is a fruitful theme of discussion in the press of the State. There is no lack of law for the suppression of murder in Texas. The trouble seems to be with the courts and juries. After a man has been convicted the next thing is an appeal and in too many instances the finding of the court below is reversed and a new trial necessitated, by this time the witnesses have moved off or died and the murderer is cleared.

Geo. HAMILTON, of Newark, N. J., in 1877 embezzled \$11,000 and came south. He spent some time in New Orleans in riotous living. A short time ago he was at Dallas; finding himself dead broke he sought work in the cotton fields and two weeks ago, died in Rockwall county. A detective has been on his trail and finally identified him by a letter in his carpet sack; this was a week after his man was dead and buried.

A WOMAN horse thief has been arrested at Sedalia, Mo. She is accused of stealing two mules and a horse and gives her name as Amanda Honeycutt-Boyles-Campbell-Griffin. The *Sedalia Democrat* in reporting the case says Amanda can tell more lies in a minute than the father of 'em all. The woman is middle aged, not good looking, and is an exceptionally hard case. It is, however, a very rare case that one of the gentler sex ever descends to horse stealing for a livelihood.

THE *Paris Banner* favors the whipping post. It says the negroes in its section of country do not regard a confinement in jail for theft or even a term in the penitentiary as a dishonor. With most of them such service is estimated an honor; so much so; that upon a return from Huntsville, almost every negro convict in this section of country has been welcomed home with a grand reception. The whipping post possesses the advantage of cheapness and efficacy. A majority of those opposed to the whipping post are governed by selfish motives.

A SPECIAL to the *News* from LaGrange, Dec. 21st announces the acquittal of Robert J. Moore, who was tried for complicity in the murder of Capt. Killough. Robert's brother, was also acquitted several days ago. Hunt, who, it is said, did the shooting is still at large. We do not know what evidence was adduced in the trial of the Moores, but we do know that, in their examination before the district judge on habeas corpus that the evidence was sufficiently strong to justify the judge in holding them without bail. That both men should be acquitted is, to say the least, somewhat strange. Did money have anything to do with this?

THE books of the treasury department have for some time been undergoing an examination by a committee appointed by the senate. In 1871 it was discovered that there existed a discrepancy of \$200,000,000 in the amount of the debt. This occurred during the time Boutwell was secretary, but it was afterwards settled by forcing a balance and the matter was for a long time hushed up. It is asserted by the friends of Grant that if the democrats get control of the government the people will know too much. The investigation now being made will no doubt enlighten the people upon a subject on which they are now in the dark. Senator Davis, of West Virginia, is chairman of the committee and has devoted much time to the investigation. He is preparing a speech on the subject, which he will deliver after the holidays. It is expected that much crookedness during Boutwell's administration, and also that Boutwell falsified his statements of the amount of the debt for political purposes.

THE article of the largest import, value one-half of the total imported merchandise. The people of the United States consume more sugar than those of any other country on the globe except Great Britain. In 1870, we consumed 7,000,000 pounds of foreign sugar, 320,024,800 pounds and of domestic, chiefly Louisiana sugar, 282,681,280 pounds; in 1879 we consumed of foreign sugar 535,548,000 pounds, and of Louisiana sugar 430,416,000, the proportion of the home product to the total consumption being about 45 per cent. In 1877 the total consumption of domestic sugar was only 199,360,000 while the foreign sugar consumed was 1,455,387,000 pounds—the proportion of domestic article to the whole amount consumed being only about 12 per cent. The Louisiana product which fell of during the war, has been steadily increasing since 1868, having grown from 51,522,000 in that year to 199,360,000 pounds in 1877. It is said that the state of Louisiana alone is capable of producing all the sugar needed in this country; but it falls very far short of doing it, even with the important advantage which our tariff extends to the interest in that state. The largest proportion of sugar consumed here comes from Cuba—926,163,000 pounds the remainder comes from Porto Rico, the other Spanish possessions, Brazil, and the British West Indies.

The statistics given are amply sufficient to show the importance of the sugar crop; they also show a wonderful disproportion of production to consumption. It is evident that it must yet be many years before the home production will be sufficient to supply the home consumption. At present Louisiana has a monopoly of the sugar production; the small quantity made in the other States hardly being sufficient in quantity to merit any special mention. It is conceded that the Texas sugar lands are fully equal if not superior to those of Louisiana. In Brazoria and Fort Bend counties the manufacture of sugar has been successfully carried on for the last quarter of a century. The change in the labor system materially interfered with this industry, though it is now being revived and the production is increasing annually. In Victoria, Colorado and Austin counties ribbon cane has been successfully cultivated and sugar manufactured on a small or experimental scale—enough however has been made to demonstrate that the crops can be grown profitably. In Washington county experiments have been made with varying success—claiming that ribbon cane does not do well, while others say that it has exceeded their most sanguine expectations. The difference may be owing to the quality and condition of the land.

The cultivation of sugar cane is much more profitable than cotton; it being claimed that sugar is the most profitable field crop raised in the south, or perhaps in the entire country. The present season has demonstrated there is but little if any money in the exclusively cultivation of cotton. We need a diversity of crops; the secret of success in farming is, in living at home as near as may be; selling much and buying little. We would not advise any to rush blindly into raising a crop of sugar cane which might prove a failure, but we would most earnestly recommend experimenting with it in a small way at first, and increasing the crop as circumstances might seem to justify.

—The Walker case which has been on examination at Bryan for some days has been postponed Jan. 27th, by defendant on account of absence of witnesses.

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